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- 1. IN DECEMBER SEVENTEEN MEETING WITH EMBOFF, GOSKONTSERT DIRECTOR SUPAGIN SAID THAT REJECTION OF AMERICA WAS ON "ARTISTIC GROUNDS". STAGE MANNER AND PROFESSIONALISM WERE THE SHORT-COMINGS HE SPECIFIED. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT BUTROVA HAD INFORMED EMBASSY THAT REJECTION WAS OF ROCK AS A TYPE OF MUSIC AND IN NO WAY REFLECTED UPON "AMERICA'S" QUALITY. SUPAGIN SUGGESTED THAT HE INVITE BUTROVA AND EMBOFFS FOR A MEETING AT GOSKONTSERT ON MONDAY OR TUESDAY TO DISCUSS THE PARTICULARS OF AMERICA.
- 2. EMBOFF INFORMED GOSKONTSERT DIRECTOR OF CONTENTS OF AIDE-MEMOIRE ON "AMERICA" DELIVERED MINCULT DECEMBER SIXTEEN AND HE AGREED TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE AT TIME OF BUTROVA MEETING. STOESSEL

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